

MINUTES
OPC MEETING
June 16, 2011

First Selectman David Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. in Room 206 at Town Hall.

Present were First Selectman, David Campbell; Selectman, Jerry Nielsen; State Representative, Terrie Wood; Board of Finance member, Joe Duwan; RTM Moderator, Karen Armour and Town Administrator, Karl Kilduff.

Planning and Zoning

Mr. Ginsberg conveyed that the Town's attorney, Wayne Fox, has submitted a Brief on the Stefanoni proposed development at Leroy and West Avenues. The Stefanoni's attorney is expected to present a Brief and a decision on the proposal is expected in 2012.

The Planning & Zoning Commission has approved the amended proposal of 599 Mediplex at the corner of Post Road and Brookside Drive. The plan is for 66 units of assisted living as well as a component for memory care. At a P & Z Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2011 from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the board will discuss commerce in Darien.

The Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission recently spoke to members of the Senior Men's Association. The speech was televised by TV79. Additionally, Mr. Ginsberg noted that Peter Hillman has resigned from the Environmental Protection Commission. A luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd to recognize his many years of dedicated service to the Town. Michael Tone has replaced Mr. Hillman as Chairman of the EPC.

Board of Finance

Mr. Duwan stated that the Board of Finance Director, Liz Mao and the Board of Education Chairman, Kim Westcott were meeting with Joe Fields regarding negotiations for teachers' contracts, focusing on benefits.

State Representative

Terrie Wood reported that she continues to tackle a number of issues currently being addressed in Hartford, including the State budget and housing issues. She reminded members of OPC to contact her whenever a particular bill affects Darien in a positive or negative way so that she may have an opportunity to effect its outcome. Selectman Nielsen expressed appreciation for the effort she puts forth in Hartford to address the needs of our community and its constituents.

Ms. Wood noted that the Governor has pushed off General Accounting Principles (GAP) for at least two years.

RTM Representative

Ms. Armour stated that the RTM agenda for September still includes: the Boat Club lease, TSG&A recasting of the RTM portion of the Town Charter, the Mather Community Center/BOE Office Space shuffle and dog regulations. There is a possibility that the RTM will hold a Special Meeting in early October to vote on the Mather Community Center/BOE Office Space.

First Selectman

Mr. Campbell is pleased with the progress the architects are making on the designs for the new Mather Community Center. Estimated costs of the proposed project are expected in about four weeks. The current Senior Center has had air conditioning, phone and internet problems over the last couple of weeks.

The plans for Darien's Fourth of July Fireworks are set. The Darien Times will print an insert with all the information concerning the fireworks.

Mr. Campbell announced that he is in the process of forming a group to work on senior housing at Edgerton Ave.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 206.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Leary
Recording Secretary